## Are Severe School Exams Upsetting the Minds Of Child Students?

Amazing Record of Suicides During Past Few Weeks Prompts the Question

\*Dr. ETTINGER, Superintendent of Schools, Says No-Puts Blame on Heredity, Home Conditions and Natural Morbidity of Disposition.

Dr. WARREN, of the Save-a-Life League, Says Yes-Cites Record, and Finds Reason in Fear of Examinations and Reprimands.

By Fay Stevenson.

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During 1920, the Rev. Harry M. Warren, President and General Director of the Save-a-Life League, announced that 707 children had committed suicide, the boys averaging fifteen and the girls fourteen to sixteen.

"Many child suicides come from

Since the first of this year the newspapers have been full of child gui- of life because of school and examinacides, especially girls and boys who are in their teens and claim that they neurotic parents, from home condiare tired of school. From May 24 to tions and improper environment," de-

are the their teens and claim that each of their teens and claim that each of school. From May 24 to May 28, just four days, five girls attempted suicide, two succeeding.

Flora Morina, fourteen, freshman at Barrington High School in Newark, killed herself immediately after having been scolded for irregular attendance. She shot herself with a chort-barrelled rifle. Because I was disgusted with school, she whispered where mother bent over her.

Pearl Kluger, sixteen, of No. 1145 that is the school or the examinations are back of it all. Some children are naturally morbid and moody and they would take their lives if left alone on a farm. They naturally must biame something so they cry 'school.' "Then there is just one thing I think we need in the schools," concluded Dr. Ettinger, "and that is a larger corps of visiting teachers. In Greater New York we have but fourteen or these teachers. We need more, If young women could go to these moody, whimsical children's homes and find out home conditions and talk to the parents, it is possible that many children's lives would be bettered. But I do not think the actual school work is back of child suicides. School life was never as pleasant and interesting as in the present day."

Helen Greenwald, thirteen, tried to ant and interesting as in the present kill herself by taking todine at her day, bome, No. 233 West 113th street. She atso and swallowed none of the poison but been repr.manded or because they burned her mouth severely. Helen are temperamental, in March of this cold her mother and sisters many year Joseph Grichvich, five, of De-mess she was afraid she would not mother reprimanded him for getting

pass her examinations.

Virginia Sisson, seventeen, jumper to her death from a window in the Junior High School at Occanside, L. I. Before her friends could save her she had climbed to a radiator and thrown herself out the window. had climbed to a radiator and thrown herself out the window.

Catherine Angley, fourteen, of No. 2415 First Avenue, was behind in her studies and swallowed potson. Later she repented, called a neighbor and was saved at the Harlem Hospital.

Three months before this, Stella Trana of No. 275 Summer Avenue, Newark, killed berself when she respected to the pass her manager and the failed to pass her manager and the failed to pass her manager and the failed to pass her manager.

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Denis B. Totten of Milford, who
killed himself at West Point because
he falled in his examinations. Jeseph Castagnetti, thirteen, of Staten
Island, committed suicide by drinking
lodine because he could not go to
school and work too. Richard Patton, fifteen, of Ridgewood, N. J.
committed suicide by hanging himself with a necktle to his beligost hecause he hated study. Just List
week Leopoid Siebach, thirteeth, of
No. 315 Wayne Street, Highland
Park N. J. hanged himself because of
overstudy. And this week Walter
Karl, fifteen, of Ridgewood, who work too in the present system of examinations in the higher grades of
the grammar schools, the high schools
and colleges barbarous," Dr. Warren
told me. "Of course a timid or nervous child cannot stand the shock.
Children should be passed by the
year's work, not on one cruel examination. Until we change this system

a student at P. S. No. 114.
"What is the cause of all these child suicides and school troubles?" I asked Dr. William L. Ettinger Superintendent of Schools. "Is the course too suicide or attempted suicide or attempted suicide or students."

"There is no reason in the world as have come before us this spring. "There is no reason in the world why a pupil should commit suicide." "Parents should be careful in the way they threaten to punish their said Dr. Ettinger. "School life to day is not nearly as bard as in the days of the little red school house. We have grade advisers, plenty of recovery the said of the school house. The condition of colic—a spasm of the mucous canal—is one of the mucous canal—is one of the commonest in babyhood. The commonest in babyhood. The short way to be suited by the said of intestinal pain, draws up his legs, We have grade advisers, plenty of recreation, gymnasium work, folk dancing, only thirty and forty minute recitation periods for one subject, and no
child is ever punished for poor grades.
We have vocational schools, special
classes for mentally deficient and
those who are behind. No one is
rushed, no one is pushed and there are
nlways plenty of teachers who remain
every afternoon to help the pupil who
needs attention.

Thus punishment or the humiliation before others until it has tried to
kicks and struggles vehemently in accommit suicide. Children should
help to schold or whipped before
other members of the family or children their own age.

"A little tact and power to underrushed, no one is pushed and there are
the parent might save many a child
hours of mental anguish and even the
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needs attention."

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examinations are concerned, final

"But what do you think of so many examinations are concerned, final suicides?" I asked. "Why do so many affairs which terrify the ohild mind girls and boys say they are tired are brutal."

The Jarr Family

By Roy L. McCardell



Can You Beat It!

By Maurice Ketten













#### What to Do Until The Doctor Comes By Charlotte C. West, M. D.

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When Baby Has Colic. HE condition of colic-a spasm of

of intestinal pain, draws up his legs,

distention of the intestines is, how-ever, the usual cause. The stools are thin and greenish, smell very acid

infants that suffer from repeated attacks of colic should have the sugar withdrawn from their feedings, at least temporarily. If unsweetened milk is refused, saccharine tablets, 1 grain to 1 pint of food, may be amployed. Should constipation exist, we are able to both sweeten the food and combat the constipation with a tea-spoonful of malt extract to each bot-

tle of feeding.
The stools may, on the other hand, DAPA, what is Fourth of July wants to read the paper before he indicate that the infant is not digesting the protein or fats, undigested curds being very prominent. The ularly. In colicky, breast-fed infants the milk may not have assumed a

Papa, what is Fourth of July for T asked the little Jarr was downtown."

The a day for everybody to lay off land have a good time except your last dad. He has to go downfown and work because he is the buman chattel of an old hunks that hasn't any more patriotism than a woodpecker."

"Now, papa, you shouldn't talk that woodpecker."

"The child is only asking for information." said Mrs. Jarr. "The child is only asking for information." said Mrs. Jarr. "I think his questions show that he has a brilliant mind for his age. Mamma will answer your questions, Willie."

"You know you don't have to work the beauty of the fourth of July!"

"You're a lady, mamma. You can't go to war and kill beeple with guns. The immediate treatment of colic is is done by injecting a warm enema of one pint of soapy water. Camo-mile ten is excellent for this purpose as it is extremely soothing-an ounce of Gaman camomile flowers are steeped in 1 to 2 pints of boiling water for fifteen minutes, and slowly wouldn't pop fight for his country, go to war and kill people with guns, go to war and kill people with guns, said or be a burglar like men can, said "You're a lady, mamma. You can't injected into the infant's bowels at was too young for the Civil or be a burglar like men can." said with the men can." said Mr. Jarr hastily, "and Willie, with true masculine scorn, when it came to the discussion of exclusive male privileges.
"Well, there was a war with the "T'm glad of it," said Mrs. Jarr, who had a splendid memory to boy speak rudely to his mamma."

"But being able to go to war when the grows up should not make my little boy speak rudely to his mamma."

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"Well, tell me what Fourth of July sfor, maw?"

"It's a day dedicated to liberty by patriots, as I told you," said Mrs.

"And would you have died for "Is patriots the"

at two months of age is one drop; from two to four months, 2 drops; "Is patriots the people who go to twelve months, 2 drops; from four to six months, 3 drops; to twelve months, 4 drops. Give in a spoontry like George Washington and asked the boy, "and why do they christopher Columbus did?" asked the cold it Fourth of July?"

"Because—because," interposed Mr. "Because—because," interposed Mr. "Because—because," interposed Mr. Thomas Edinacordance with the character of the stools.

# Maxims of a Modern Maid

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall

commonest in babyhood. The A Woman Usually Plunges Into Her First Diporce With a Splash Which Makes Everybody Turn to Look; But the Trained Divorcee, Like the Trained Diver, Makes Hardly a Sound or a

> O KISS and tell used to be the unforgivable sin for a man or woman; but nowadays its quite customary for either one to kiss and write

> The beach cops these days are all worrying about the freedom of the knees; and the park cops with orders to suppress spooning are trying to end the freedom of the squeeze.

Every young man who gets engaged on or around Class Day probably through grammar school and begins asks the wrong girl to marry him; wherein he differs scarcely at all from to read Launcelot and Elaine. Mean-EVERY young man! A woman often loves her husband and her country in the same way:

The face with a permanent expression of patient pain may be an outward sign of inward grace, but it is a frightfully uncomfortable fireside

she sees much to change in each, but she resents even the hint of criticism

Just as the distinction between a weed and a flower is in the eye of the beholder, rather than in nature, so the difference between righteous and unrighteous love is less in the emotions themselves than in the comments

The most exhausting and nerve-shattering of all emotions is the enthusiasm of some one else.

When a man accepts a woman's first "no" as an answer, he may be the sort that takes a cut in salary or a slap in the face without protest-or he may be the wise individual who takes all the tips Fate hands him! Even a cursory examination of the revelations made by short skirts suggests that charity would cover a multitude of shins.

#### Tasty Dishes for Summer Day

BAKED TOMATOES. Cut off the top end of the tomato If the stalks are young and tender and scoop out the centre. Soak bread they will require no peeling; other-There was, but your papa couldn't "Well, tell me what Fourth of July of the relief of pain crumbs in water and press dry, or because he didn't belong to any is for, maw?"

because he didn't belong to any is for, maw?"

in the first months of life. The dose use boiled rice. Mix this with the life company, explained Mr. Jarr. "It's a day dedicated to liberty by crumbs in water and press dry, or wise peel and cut into small pieces. he about three-quarters pound of d-a-w-n-c-e. to each pound of rhubarb, mix cornstarch with the sugar to re-the juice. Add a little grated secoped out tomate pulp and add some finely-minced onions and fine cut ham. Senson with sait, cayenne trange or lemon peel for flavoring pepper and sugar. Simmer over fire Pour this into the bottom crust. Rol to reduce the moisture, then fill the cut top pie crust and cut into half toward cavity with this mixture, put inch strips. Wet edge of bottom tomato cavity with this mixture, put inch some melted butter over the top, put into greased tins and bake in hot shape oven about twenty-five minutes. paste and put strips over ple in lattice shape. Some cooks also put a strip around the edge,

## Courtship and Marriage

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"WATCHFUL WAITING" writes: "WATCHFUL WAITING" writes:
Dear Miss Vincent—Three years
ago I fell in love with a girl next
door to me. I am now in my junior year in high school and she is
attending grammar school. This
is not a case of where Lancelot
says to the lily maid Elaine, "This
is not love; but love's first flash
in youth." I am really in love with
her, Miss Vincent. I have tried to
forget the girl but cannot do it.
But this girl does not seem to
care for me and acts just like a
giddy kid sitting around with girls
of her own age trading jokes.
Now of course there are two sides
to a story, so perhaps I do not to a story, so perhaps I do not understand girl society. What do

"BABE RUTH" writes: Dear Miss Vincent—I am going about with a young man whom I love dearly. We intended to get married in September, but there is one thing which is keeping me back. We are of different religions the married engages the married on the people oppose the married gione. His people oppose the mar-riage, so what do you advise?

Where parents object on either side and you are under twenty-five it seems to me it is best to respect their wishes. If you are over twen-ty-five and broad minded you ought be able to work out your solution.

"JUST A READER" writes: Dear Miss Vincent; Recently "JUST A READER" writes:
Dear Miss Vincent: Recently
some one asked you if there were
any real girls who did not have
the dancing craze. I, for one, am
an old-fashioned girl and have
to stay at home because I cannot dance. I don't care. The
old saying that "all things come
to him who waits" ought to apply
to me, don't you think? There
must be some men who feel the
way I do about dancing. way I do about dancing.

You are right. While there is no harm in dancing (properly), if you do not care for it depend upon it there

"M. L. G." writes:

Dear Miss Vincent—I have been corresponding with a young man who moved away from here. We are good friends and hawishes to come to see us. Is this proper." proper?

the feet come as close as they can to the body. When the arms shoot for-If you are living at home with your parents or guardian

## Swimming Corrects Figure; Builds Up Thin Woman, Reduces Stout One

### Gives Symmetry to Body Lines, Aids Poise and Carriage

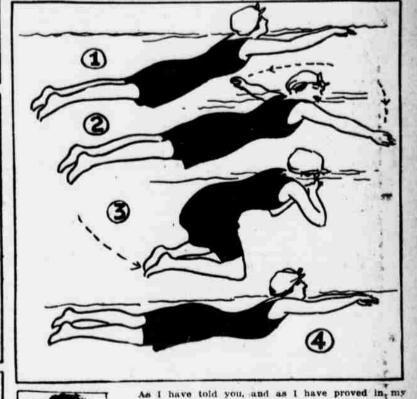
Doris Doscher, the noted Health and Figure Improvement Expert, has been specially engaged by The Evening World to write for its women readers. She will answer questions relating to her articles.

Miss Doscher, adjudged by experts to have a perfect figure, posed for the figure on the new quarter and for many noted pieces of sculpture. She is also a lecturer for the Board of Education on subjects relating to exercise and health.

By Doris Doscher.

Copyright, 1921, by the Prem Publishing Co., (The New York Evening World.) VERY woman who wants to be well and beautiful must possess a beautiful figure.

I want to see the American woman something besides a clothes-I want my women readers to have bodies beautiful in themselves; not constrained to the lines of the fashionable figure by means of corsets, pade or other artificial aids.





The woman whose chest is flat or hoi-

low, whose shoulders slouch, canno:

be called truly beautiful, no matter

how levely her face. In modern eve-

ning dress, the chest, shoulders and

back are so completely exposed that

defects in them are particularly notice-

I first gave you directions for swim-

ming the crawl or dog paddle stroke, because, for beginners, it is simplest.

ancients; that the Romans, especially,

often centred their whole life about their beautiful marole baths and

swimming pools. It is not possible for all of us to swim all the year around, but in a seaboard city like

New York swimming is a summer sport accessible to most. I hope my women readers will swim as much as possible this summer, and I want you

be kept down.

In the next three illustrations the

different stages of the breast stroke are pictured. In libustration 11, the arms are horizontal; in Illustration III, they are brought from horizontal

position to the breast, with thumbs position to the breast, with thumbs touching the fingers, which are held together, the palms down. Hemem-ber to keep the head low. In Illus-tration IV, the hands are brought

tration IV. the hands are brought back to the first position.

The legs assume exactly the same position taken by a frog in swimming. With the feet touching, draw them toward the body as far as possible, keeping the bent knees as wide apart as possible.

When the hands are at the breast

ward the feet kick straight back.

wn case, even structural defects in the figure, such as certain kinds of spinal malformation, can be corrected by suitable exercises faithfully practised. How much sier to change mere flesh, to take off surplus pounds of fat or to fill out unsightly hollows and angles! And those of you whom I can help to reduce or build up to their proper weight not only will be filled with increased health and vigor but will see a new vision of themselves in the full-length mirror Swimming, as I explained to you the other day, is

perhaps the best of body-building sports. It helps the stout to reduce, and, by improving the circulation. strengthening the muscles and increasing the appetite of the anaemic and undernourished, it corrects their over-thin figures. Study the pictures

of the champion swimmers, snapped parallel with the water surface, Inc near it, so that the body will not have a tendency to drag in the water.

If you swim this stroke properly you will notice how the unused musin their one-piece suits which show every line and curve of the figure, and note how evenly and perfectly developed is their physical structure. They swim because they love the sport and can win success in it, but, indirectly, strengthen and build up your entire.

the result of their indulgence is increased health and beauty.

For women, swimming is particular-ly helpful in the development it gives the chest. The supple, rounded curves to learn from the start to change from the start to change from of the upper part of the body are a one stroke to another, as a distinctive part of feminine beauty. (To-Morrow Miss Doscher will write

about obesity reduction.)

#### WHAT Do You? Know

Congright, 1921, by the Press Publishing Co. QUESTIONS.

1. Which State ranks last in popu

But the breast stroke, when you can master it, is the one of all others which tends most to beautify the fig-2. How many States have the names spelled with four letters? The breast stroke not only increases the chest expansion—an important test for the athlete—but it develops 3. How many States have the names spelled with five letters?

the breast and gives to man or woman those beautiful lines of symmetry so seldom seen in modern times, but 4. What is the State flower of Ohio? found in every Greek or Roman statue. We know that swimming was one of the favorite exercises of the 5. Of what continent is the gnu

6. What is the fleece of the Angora goat called?

7. Where is the Gold Coast?

8. In what country are the Gran 9. What European capital city is

possible this summer, and I want you to feel that you will beautify your figure in proportion to your mastery of the breast stroke.

10. What two brothers, borne in Poland, won fame as singers in grand opera—one as a tenor, the other as a basso?

of the breast stroke.

This is how you do it:

First, let us consider the method of breathing, for in taking any new stroke it is essential to know just when to breathe. Inhale through the mouth with head slightly raised out of water, and exhale through the nose when the face is submerged. The head must not be held too high out of water if the body is to move through it quickly. In litustration I, the face is partly hidden by the hands, to show how the head must be kept down.

ANSWERS.

1. Nevada 2. Three. 2. Three. 4. Scariet carnation. 5. Africa. 6. Mohair. 7. West Africa. 8. Scotland. 9. Copenhagen. 10. Jean and Edouard de Reszke.

\*\*Copenhagen.\*\* 10. Jean and Ed

tall and produces white blossoms that yield more seeds than any other kind of the same

Experiments are being conerived from sugar cane, mill ons of gallons of which could be produced annually. The wireless station at Car-

narvon, Wales, has succeeded in sending messages clearly to Sydney, Australia, a distance of 12,000 miles.

A naturalist in Venexuela has discovered a way to obtain algrettes from the species of

heron which produces them without injury to the birds.